

Preliminary Assessment Report

Project 6332903, 8727 PHINNEY AVE N

Assessment Completed: 9/6/2012

Project Description: Future construction of a six unit apartment building.

Primary Applicant: [Hugh Schaeffer](#)

This report lists the results of a preliminary assessment of your project requirements by various city departments. It's based on the project characteristics described on your site plan and preliminary application form. If your project required a pre-application site visit (PASV), the results of that site visit are also included. The goal of this report is to help you create a complete submittal package and reduce the need for corrections once your application has been submitted.

Next Steps

1. Review the requirements in this report and contact the staff members listed below with questions.
2. If a street improvement plan is required, develop and submit it to the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT). **The Department of Planning and Development (DPD) will not accept your permit application until your street improvement plan is approved as 60% complete by SDOT. See [SDOT Client Assistance Memo 2213](#) for guidance about the 60% complete approval process.**
3. Schedule an appointment for permit application intake with DPD. **Please bring a copy of this report to your intake appointment.**

Questions About This Report

If you have questions about the information in this report, contact the appropriate city staff member for each section.

DPD Drainage Requirements

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Other Resources

- General questions about the permit process: Contact the DPD Applicant Services Center (ASC) at 206-684-8850.
- Overview of the permit application process: [5 Steps for a Successful DPD Application Submittal](#).
- User-friendly guides to city permitting processes: [DPD](#) and [SDOT](#) Client Assistance Memos.
- [Detailed zoning information](#).
- [DPD's Checklists & Standards](#), designed to help you make sure your permit application is complete and ready for review.

Requirements

DPD Drainage Requirements

The following requirements are based on the current stormwater and side sewer codes.

Existing Public Drainage Infrastructure

Sanitary sewer main location: Phinney Ave N

Sanitary sewer main size: 8-inch diameter

Storm drainage main location: N 87th St

Storm drainage main size: 15-inch diameter

Drainage

The drainage point of discharge (SMC 22.805.020) is located at: Public storm drain system.

Unless an adjustment per subsection 22.800.040.B or an exception per subsection 22.800.040.C is approved by the Director, an owner or occupant who is required, or who wishes, to connect to a public drainage system shall be required to extend the public drainage system if a public drainage system is not accessible within an abutting public area across the full frontage of the property.

From N 87th St

Flow Control Compliance

All new, replaced, and disturbed topsoil shall be amended with organic matter per rules promulgated by the Director prior to completion of the project to improve onsite management of drainage water flow and water quality per SMC 22.805.020.E.

A completed Construction Stormwater Control and Soil Amendment Standard Plan is required and available at the following link: <http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/Codes/StormwaterCode/Forms/default.asp>

For projects with 5,000 square feet or more of new plus replaced impervious surface, a comprehensive drainage control plan and construction stormwater control plan shall be prepared by a licensed engineer.

Parcel-based projects with 7,000 square feet or more of land disturbing activity or 2,000 square feet or more of new plus replaced impervious surface must implement green stormwater infrastructure (bioretention cells, green roofs, permeable pavement, rainwater harvesting, etc.) to infiltrate, disperse, and retain drainage water onsite to the maximum extent feasible without causing flooding, landslide, or erosion impacts per SMC 22.805.020.F. Flow control standards must be first met by utilizing green stormwater infrastructure to the maximum extent feasible. Additional flow control measures shall be installed if the flow control standard cannot be met solely using green stormwater infrastructure. Refer to Director's Rule 17-2009 - Stormwater Manual Vol. III - Stormwater Flow Control and Water Quality. Submit a GSI Calculator along with additional flow control documentation. Refer to the following for more information:

<http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/Codes/StormwaterCode/Overview/default.asp>

This project site discharges to a Non-listed Creek Basin (SMC 805.050.A.3). Based upon the information provided on the Preliminary Application Form pertaining to land disturbing activity, and existing and proposed impervious surfacing this project shall: provide flow control meeting the Pre-developed Pasture Standard per SMC 22.805.080.B.3. The post-development discharge peak flow rates and flow durations must be matched to the pre-developed pasture condition for the range of pre-developed discharge rates from 50% of the 2-year recurrence interval flow up to the 2-year recurrence interval flow. Projects with less than 10,000 sf new plus replaced impervious surface can use Table 4.7 - Pre-Sized Flow Control Worksheet in lieu of continuous modeling.

Water Quality

No requirements

Wastewater

The wastewater point of discharge (SMC 21.16.070.B) is located at Sanitary Sewer.

All homeowners and building owners in King County's service area whose home or building was newly connected to the King County sewer system on or after Feb. 1, 1990 must pay a King County Capacity Charge. Further information is available online at:

<http://www.kingcounty.gov/environment/wastewater/capacitycharge.aspx>

Permanent and Temporary Dewatering

The footing drain (if part of building plan) point of discharge (DPD DR 4-2011) is located at the following: Public storm drain system. per extension requirement

Side Sewer

The existing side sewer for a new or converted building or dwelling unit may be reused pursuant to SMC 21.16.240.

DPD Land Use Code Requirements

Street Requirements

Based on the scope of the proposed project, the following street improvements are required per Chapter 23.53 of the Seattle Municipal Code. Please review Right-of-Way Improvements Manual for design criteria (<http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/rowmanual/manual/>). Show required street improvements on your "enhanced site plan" at DPD permit application intake. If an SDOT Street Improvement Plan (SIP) is required, please list SDOT project number and SDOT contact name on the enhanced site plan. Street Improvement Plans must be accepted by SDOT prior to DPD permit application intake.

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Curbs will be required to be installed in the portion of right-of-way abutting this lot.

A concrete sidewalk will be required to be installed in the portion of right-of-way abutting this lot.

Street trees shall be provided in the planting strip according to Seattle Department of Transportation Tree Planting Standards. Contact SDOT Urban Forestry (for residential projects: (206) 684-TREE; for all others: (206) 684-5693), to determine species of tree and standards of planting. Please add a note to the site plan showing size, location and species of tree to be planted.

<http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/treeplanting.htm>.

Landscaping is required to be installed in the planting strips in the right-of-way. Contact SDOT Urban Forestry to determine species of landscaping and standards of planting. For residential projects, call (206) 684-TREE; for all others, call (206) 684-5693). Please add a note to the site plan showing size, location and species of shrubs and groundcover to be planted.

A 6 feet foot dedication is required. Refer to CAM 2203.

A 3 feet foot setback is required in addition to setback listed above.

Pre-Application Site Visit (PASV) Requirements

PASV report requirements may be subject to additions, changes, or modifications by the department. The purpose of the report is to alert the applicant that there may be unusual or complex site conditions that trigger requirements from the department regarding this project. **The applicant is responsible for providing all required documents at the intake appointment.** If you have questions about this report or the PASV process, please contact the DPD Site Development Team at (206) 684-8860.

Note: Any project application associated with the development site can utilize the results from this PASV if the application is accepted by DPD within 18 months of the above inspection date. After 18 months, the applicant must apply for another PASV. No extensions will be granted.

ECA Mapping Unit and Type

This project site appears to include the following ECAs and/or buffers:
Steep slope

Earth Disturbance

In addition, provide detailed cross-sections for: South and west PLs.

Please show all existing and proposed retaining walls/rockeries and the exposed height. South and west PLs.

Existing ROW Conditions

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Street conditions:

Chip seal

Curb conditions:

Curb adjacent to site

Asphalt

Approximate curb height: 1-2 rough, hand placed. Not to any city Std. inches

A storm inlet is located <350 ft from the site and prior to crossing a public right of way. Concrete curb and AC street starts at the SE corner of site

Potential Impacts to Seattle Parks Property

No parks property in vicinity

Construction Stormwater Control

All projects with earth disturbance, regardless of size, require temporary and permanent stormwater control in accordance with the Construction Stormwater Control (CSC) Technical Requirements Manual (DR 16-2009, Volume 2). The CSC Best Management Practices (BMPs) noted below can be found in the Construction Stormwater Control Technical Requirements Manual, available online and from DPD's Public Resource Center.

Show the following on the CSC/Post Construction Soil Amendment Plan:

Place compost socks, compost berms, filter fabric fencing, straw bales, straw wattles, or other approved perimeter control BMPs to eliminate construction stormwater runoff.

Show the location of a stabilized construction access to the site; show methods to eliminate uncontrolled conveyance of mud and dirt into the right of way (ROW).

Cover bare soil with compost blankets, straw, mulch, matting, or other approved equal to control construction stormwater runoff.

Cover stockpiles and bare slopes with compost blankets, tarps, matting or other approved equal to control construction stormwater runoff.

A First Ground Disturbance inspection is required before any ground disturbance related to this permit, including demolition, tree cutting, clearing, grubbing, and grading. After your permit is issued, schedule an inspection by calling (206) 684-8900 or online at: <http://web1.seattle.gov/DPD/InspectionRequest>

Inspectors Notes

Lot slopes down to the west. ECA #1 (steep slope) has been modified by a concrete retaining wall along the west PL by Safeway for parking lot. Phinney Ave N has been improved; AC street, sidewalk and curb, from the south PL southward.

Standard Submittal Requirements for Projects in an ECA

Submit a geotechnical report with the permit intake submittal package. Geotechnical report must be signed and stamped by a geotechnical engineer licensed in the State of Washington per SMC 22.804, SMC 25.09, and Directors Rule (DR) 33-2006

Provide a topographic survey with 2-foot contours on and within 25-feet of the property, stamped by a licensed land surveyor (see SMC 25.09.330A)

Delineate the clearing limits on the site plan

Provide a vegetation restoration plan per SMC 25.09.320, CAM 331 and CAM 331A. **Prior to any vegetation removal in the critical area, review, approval, and a preconstruction meeting is required**

Delineate the steep slope critical area on a site plan based on the survey (per SMC 25.09.020 A3b(5)).

Provide area calculations for the steep slope delineation.

Show the steep slope buffer. Generally, the buffer is 15-feet from the top and/or toe of the slope

Construction activity area appears to be within the steep slope critical area and/or its associated buffer. A steep slope variance may be required (see SMC 25.09.180E.1)

Seattle City Light Requirements

Street/Alley Requirements

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10' Clearance from Structures: 10-ft horizontal clearance required between power lines and permanent structures. Review DPD CAM 122, Electric Utility Clearance Requirements, and SCL Construction Guideline D2-3 (<http://www.seattle.gov/Light/engstd/Docs/ConStd/d23.pdf>) Changes to SCL's system to meet clearances are done at the project's expense. There are overhead high voltage lines along the west side of Phinney Ave N.

Working Clearance: State law requires construction workers, their tools, machinery, equipment, and materials to maintain a 10-foot clearance from power lines. Review WAC 296-24-960 and OSHA 1910.333(c)(3)(i). Transmission lines require greater clearance. To work near power lines, notify SCL well in advance to

de-energize and ground the lines, or relocate the lines temporarily. This SCL work is done at the project's expense. There are overhead high voltage lines along the west side of Phinney Ave N.

An SCL engineer will require scaled building elevation drawings to determine clearances. Please submit an extra set of plans at DPD intake.

Underground electrical facilities/conductors require separation from other utilities. Review SCL Construction Guideline U2-10/NDK-50, Electrical Conduit and Facilities in the Public Rights of Way (<http://www.seattle.gov/Light/engstd/>). Before digging, contact the Utilities Underground Location Center ("one-call") at (800) 424-5555 two business days in advance to locate and mark underground utilities, per state law (RCW 19.122). There are underground electrical lines and facilities along Phinney Ave N.

Conservation

Built Smart Programs - SCL offers developers of 5+ unit multifamily buildings incentives for installation of energy efficiency measures. From insulation and windows to lighting and appliances, take advantage of new technologies and construct a more efficient building with our help. For more information: contact Beth Rocha at (206)684-5945 / beth.rocha@seattle.gov or Meghan Pinch at (206)684-3901 / meghan.pinch@seattle.gov

Notes to Applicant

For new service, an Application for Electrical Service must be submitted to Seattle City Light. Please contact the Electrical Service Representative for your area several months before new service is required to determine your electric service design, service location and what kind of service is available at the building site. The Electrical Service Representative should also be contacted to coordinate electrical details for demolition and temporary power during construction. Your Electrical Service Representative is: Karen Quaife, 206-684-4983, karen.quaife@seattle.gov. Be advised that it is the applicant's responsibility to seek guidance from SCL. Failure to contact SCL at your earliest convenience could severely impact your project's scope, schedule and budget. This responsibility rests solely with the applicant.

SDOT Requirements

The City of Seattle's Right-of-Way Improvements Manual (ROWIM) and SDOT's Street & Sidewalk Pavement Opening and Restoration (PORR) Director's Rule 2004-02 may be accessed from SDOT's Street Use website at: http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/stuse_docs.htm. Whenever possible, specific reference notation for these two design documents is noted next to the design characteristics below. Be advised that these specific section and chapter references are provided as preliminary guidance only and are not comprehensive in scope.

SDOT Permitting Information

Initial Review Deposit: \$2,500

SDOT Plan Requirements: Engineered plan

SDOT Permit Requirements: Group 3: Street Use Major (Type 45). A 60% complete street improvement plan (SIP) must be approved by SDOT prior to your DPD construction intake appointment. SIP Design Guidance is required for 60% complete SIP approval; apply early. Please visit SDOT's Street Use website at: http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/stuse_sip.htm to obtain SDOT Client Assistance Memos (CAMs) and application materials to assist in developing your street improvement plan (SIP).

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Tree planting. See Seattle Right of Way Improvements Manual (ROWIM) and City of Seattle Standard Plans 030, 100 and 424. Contact SDOT Urban Forestry for residential projects at (206) 684-TREE; for all others at (206) 684-5693 for approval of species and placement.

Roadway Widening: See Seattle Right of Way Improvements Manual (ROWIM) and the City's Standard Plans and Specifications.

New/replacement sidewalk: See Seattle Right of Way Improvements Manual (ROWIM) as well as the City of Seattle Standard Plan 420, 421 and 422.

New/Replacement Curb: See Seattle Right of Way Improvements Manual (ROWIM) and the City of Seattle Standard Plan 410.

SPU Requirements

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Water Availability

Your water availability assessment is in progress. If the assessment results in water system improvements, you will be required to follow SDOT's Street Improvement Permit Process (see [CAM 2211](#) and [CAM 2213](#)).

Other Requirements

Owners of residential property occupied by a tenant who will be displaced by housing demolition, substantial rehabilitation, change of use, or removal of use restrictions may need to obtain a Tenant Relocation License. Refer to DPD CAM 123, Seattle's Tenant Relocation Assistance Ordinance, for further information and instructions or call (206) 684-7979.

If your project involves additions or modification to or demolition of an existing building that contains four or more dwelling units or 4,000 square feet or more of non-residential area, and the building is a designated historic landmark or is 50 years old and meets the criteria set forth in SMC 25.12 for landmark designation, SEPA is required. Please contact the Department of Neighborhoods at (206) 684-0228 or www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/preservation to determine if your building is a designated landmark or if a referral is necessary to determine if the building meets the criteria in SMC 25.12. Refer to CAM 208 for information regarding the application requirements for a SEPA review and CAM 3000 for information regarding landmarks and historic preservation.

If the scope of your proposed project changes before your DPD intake appointment or SDOT street improvement plan application, the requirements in this report may change. If there are municipal code and ordinance changes before our DPD intake appointment, the project must meet the new code requirements. Additional street improvement requirements may be triggered if a permit application for a development project on adjacent property is also undergoing review.

Please be aware that all persons or companies working within the City limits, including all contractors, subcontractors, permit expeditors and other service providers are required to possess a valid City of Seattle business license. This license is required in addition to any other licenses required by the State of Washington, such as a contractors' license or state business license. For more information about City of Seattle business licenses, please contact inspector Michale Crooks at 206-684-8871, Michale.Crooks@seattle.gov, or visit the [Licensing and Tax Administration Division website](#).